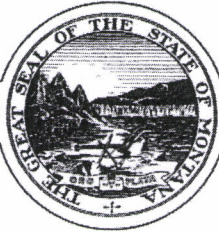


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**SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES**

Exhibit No. 4

Date 1/23/15

Bill No. SB 56

TO: Senator Chas Vincent, Chairman  
Senate Natural Resources Committee

FROM: John Grimm, Bureau Chief  
Real Estate Management Bureau, DNRC

RE: **Inquiry into funding for notifications required under SB 35, 2011 legislative session**

Chairman Vincent,

In the Senate Natural Resources Committee hearing on SB 56, 1/12/2015, you asked if the department had received funding to implement the notice requirements of SB 35, passed in the 2011 legislative session. I was unsure if funding was received, but would research the issue and provide you with a report of what I found out.

DNRC budget analysts have not been able to find any evidence of a Historic Riverbed Use account being created or evidence of the funding being provided in HB 2, for the 2013 Biennium.

They have also contacted Barb Smith, with LFD, to see if she could provide evidence of the fiscal note being funded. We have not heard back from Barb yet, but if I find the funding was provided, I will notify you right away.

Thanks!

John Grimm